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Fyi: As always, lots of DFCH program relevant info:

I tried to see what info is being collected by the Infant Mortality Survey but you have to actually complete the survey to move to the next item.

[Survey Seeks Information on Infant Mortality Reduction Programs](#)

Bridge Magazine Looks at Lead Problem Beyond Flint

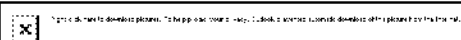
Bridge Magazine has a piece this week, [Far from Flint, lead remains an irreversible scourge](#), which examines the fact that although lead poisoning rates have dropped dramatically in Michigan over the past decade, in many cities and towns, child exposure rates far exceed those in Flint.

White House Cites U of M Research When Signing Bipartisan Bill to Combat Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

A new law signed by President Obama late last month aims to identify evidence-based approaches to care for babies affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome due to drug withdrawal after birth, and their mothers. The White House announcement noting the occasion cited two studies by University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation deputy director Matt Davis, M.D., MAPP, and former U-M health services research fellow Stephen Patrick, M.D., MPH, M.S., an alumnus of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at U-M.

The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and develop recommendations for preventing and treating prenatal opioid use disorders and NAS. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will continue to assist states in improving the availability and quality of data collection related to NAS, and encourage public health measures aimed at decreasing its prevalence.

Read the White House blog post on "The Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015" [here](#).



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Immunization Bills Would Remove Non-Medical Waiver Education Requirement

Two bills introduced this week in the state Legislature would curtail efforts to improve Michigan's childhood immunization rate.

Introduced by Rep. Thomas Hooker, House Bills 5126 and 5127 would eliminate the rule requiring parents seeking non-medical waivers to receive balanced education about the benefits and risks of immunizations from their local public health department. The bills also would strip a local public health department's ability to exclude children with a communicable disease or those who lack vaccine protection, from attending school during an outbreak.

MCMCH, in partnership with a group of statewide advocacy organizations working to improve immunization rates in Michigan, is seeking individuals who can speak to how vaccines benefit them and their family. Whether it's someone touched by vaccine-preventable disease or a family who has an infant too young to be fully immunized, or an immuno-compromised child or older adult in their life.

Please consider sharing [this message](#) with your network, via a newsletter or other communications, as we attempt to recruit as many potential speakers as possible.

If you are willing to be part of this vaccine positive network, or would like to learn more, please send an e-mail to MCMCH Associate Director [Bree Anderson](#).

New State Medicaid Contracts Begin January 1, Local Providers, Beneficiaries Navigate Changes

A new five year-contract to provide coverage to more than 1 million Medicaid recipients was approved by the State Administrative Board last month.

Michigan's Comprehensive Health Plan contract provides health care services to approximately 1.7 million Medicaid managed care beneficiaries. The current Comprehensive Health Plan